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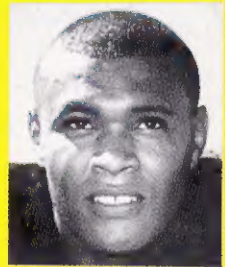
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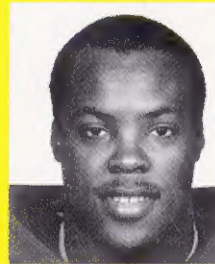


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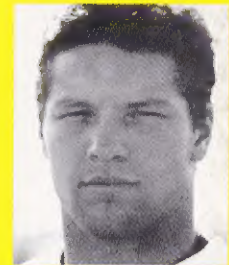
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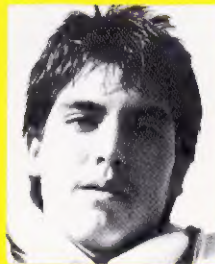
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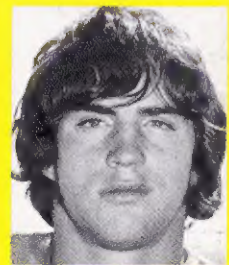
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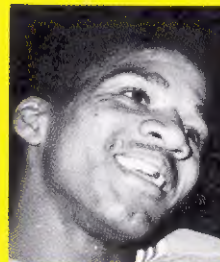
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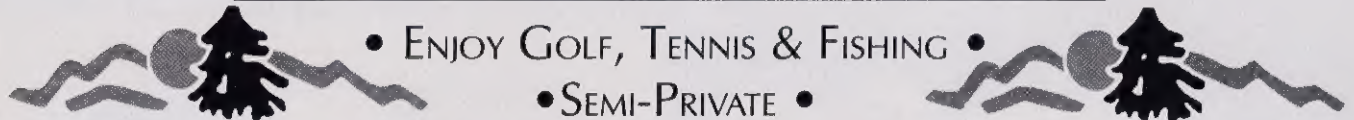


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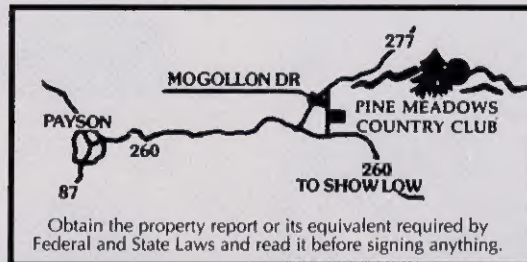
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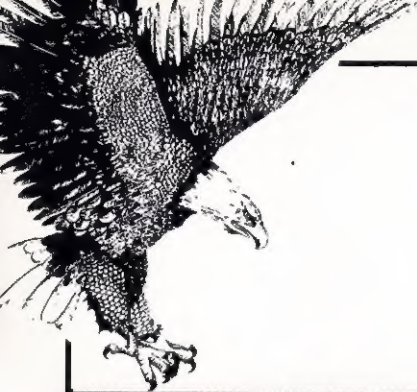
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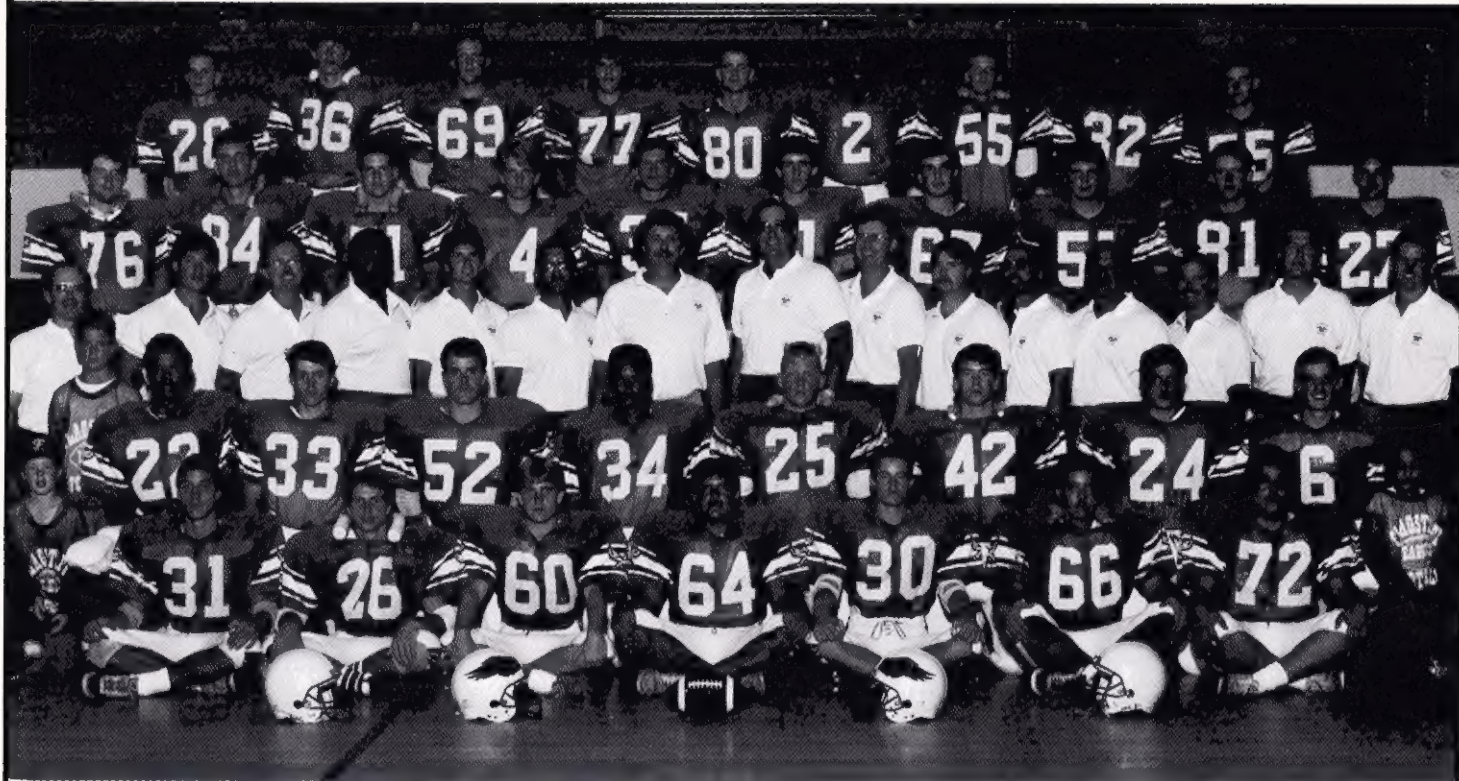
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(TIE) Chris Grover, Prescott, DL
1984 .. David Anderson, Bradshaw Mountain, RB/DB
1983 .. Brian Schar, Prescott, QB
1982 .. Mike Rehmet, Orme Ranch, C
1981 .. David McElvain, Bradshaw Mountain, DB
1980 .. Curt Devereaux, Prescott, DL
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1977 .. David Soriano, Mayer, LB
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1975 .. Ron Lott, Prescott, OL
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1973 .. Marvin Dotson, Mingus Union, E
1972 .. Bobby Manriquez, Prescott, WB/DB
1971 .. Bobby Manriquez, Prescott, WB/DB (jr)
1970 .. George Kagele, Prescott, DL
1969 .. Max Castillo, Mingus Union, G
1968 .. Joe Flagnik, Prescott, C
1967 .. Dennis Kendrick, Prescott, DB
1966 .. Raymond Acosta, Ash Fork, C
1965 .. Frank Murdock, Camp Verde, B
1964 .. John Parker, Mingus Union, G
1963 .. Clifford Bird, Camp Verde, QB
(TIE) Wayne Hodges, Camp Verde, E
1962 .. Joe Rudy, Camp Verde, HB
1961 .. Kenneth Fait, Orme Ranch, HB
1960 .. Don Wilson, Bagdad, C

(Prescott Courier)



Prescott's two-time winner, Bobby Manriquez.

1959 .. Don Wilson, Bagdad, C (jr)
1958 .. Walter Edge, Camp Verde, E
1957 .. Kenny Davis, Ash Fork, FB
1956 .. Roger Threlkeld, Orme Ranch, FB
1955 .. Charles "Choo Choo" Jones, Prescott, RB
1954 .. Charles "Choo Choo" Jones, Prescott, RB (jr)
1953 .. Bob Pirtle, Prescott, T
1952 .. Virgil Howard, Prescott, C
1951 .. Virgil Howard, Prescott, C (jr)
1950 .. Frank Thomas, Cottonwood, G
(TIE) Jim Casillas, Jerome, G
1949 .. Dale Peterson, Cottonwood, C
1948 .. John Lowry, Seligman, E
1947 .. Rudy Larisch, Jerome, B
1946 .. Roy Campbell, Prescott, B
1945 .. Milan Kalember, Prescott, B
1944 .. Bob Knight, Prescott, T
1943 .. Ysmael Torrez, Clarkdale, B
1942 .. Ysmael Torrez, Clarkdale, B (jr)
1941 .. Don Corbitt, Prescott, C
1940 .. Robert Beltz, Clarkdale, E
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Top Gun

By Lonnie Collins

Many coaches pray for a successful football season. Larry Kentera isn't very greedy, but he is praying for a healthy Greg Wyatt.

"It was disappointing to us because we felt we had the players to have a better season," says the Lumberjacks' head coach about last year's 6-5 finish. "In all due respect to what happened to us in regard to injuries, I thought our people played very well."

One big blow was the loss of talented signal caller Greg Wyatt, shelved by a knee injury on national TV against Northern Iowa. But that was late in the season. Only two games remained and the 'Jacks won one of them. The script turned sour before that.

"We even had people playing both ways," continues Kentera. "We had different offensive lineup changes each week and that hurt a great deal. But as a coach, I'm elated to say that I felt our people really worked hard and came through for us to get a winning season. We could very easily have gone down the tank because we expected so much at the start of the year."

The offensive line will be the Flagstaff school's strength. Only Vince Beemiller graduated. The 'Jacks will have Frank Pollack (6-6, 283) for one more year. Rated by most pro scouts as the top lineman in NCAA 1-AA, the former Phoenix Greenway product is an outstanding pass blocker who runs 40 yards in 4.85 seconds.

Mike Welch (6-3, 230) will move back to guard. The former Buckeye grad played at tackle a lot last year. Tom Merriam (6-3, 225) will start at center, Tony Conrad (6-2, 260) at the other guard and Tom Jeeves (6-4, 260), Steve Kloeppel (6-4, 265) and Corey Suttles (6-6, 260) fighting for the other tackle slot. All except for Kloeppel are Arizona schoolboy products. Kloeppel prepped at Santa Fe, N.M.

David Lang and Edmond Bardwell will man the fullback position. Speedy Lavon Worley is coming off a 1,000-yard season, and NAU finally landed Van Aldridge, a talented back out of Phoenix College and Trevor Browne

In head-to-head comparisons with some of the NCAA's most prolific passers, Wyatt ranks first in completions, attempts and completion percentage. His accuracy and consistency have opened the eyes of professional scouts.

1989 LUMBERJACK NEWCOMERS



Tailback Norman "Pup" Gill, Flagstaff High School.

Position/Recruit	Hometown/School
RB .. Van Aldridge, 6-1, 180	Phoenix (JC), Az.
RB .. Paul Gilmore, 5-9, 185	Yuma (Union), Az.
RB .. Tony Angelo, 6-1, 175	Glendale (Cactus), Az.
RB .. Quinn Fauria, 6-0, 201	Encino (Crespi), Ca.
RB .. Edmond Bardwell, 6-1, 190	Mesa (JC), Az.
RB .. Norman "Pup" Gill, 5-10, 190	Flagstaff (Flagstaff), Az.
WR .. Sammie Lynch, 6-0, 175	Oakland (Skyline), Ca.
WR .. Lamont Shedrick, 6-0, 170	Wilmington (Banning), Ca.
WR .. Gary Burnett, 5-11, 170	Cerritos (JC), Ca.
WR .. Marcus Jones, 5-9, 165	Pasadena (JC), Ca.
TE .. Sean Kelly, 6-3, 235	Redlands (Redlands), Ca.
OL .. Cole Blosssey, 6-3, 260	Los Alamitos (Los Alamitos), Ca.
OL .. Matt Elliot, 6-4, 235	Yorba Linda (Troy), Ca.
OL .. William Howard, 6-4, 255 ...	Springerville (Round Valley), Az.
OL .. Jason Ligget, 6-2, 250	Anza (Hemet), Ca.
OL .. Jesus Moreno, 6-4, 265	Santa Monica (St. Monica's), Ca.
OL .. Chris Muti, 6-2, 245	Mesa (Dobson), Az.
OL .. Keith Rabb, 6-4, 252	Sierra Vista (Buena), Az.
OL .. Brian Webb, 6-3, 265	Glendale (JC), Az.
OL .. Matt Miller, 6-2, 265	Arizona Western (JC), Az.
OL .. Corey Suttles, 6-6, 260	Prescott (Prescott), Az.
PK .. Jeff Black, 5-9, 170	Tucson (Sahuaro), Az.

Position/Recruit	Hometown/School
LB .. Chuck Walton, 6-2, 215	Casa Grande (Casa Grande), Az.
LB .. Randy Wooldridge, 6-1, 208	Wilmington (Banning), Ca.
LB .. Tom Gottschall, 6-1, 226	Tucson (Canyon del Oro), Az.
DL .. Marcel Ayache, 6-4, 250	Scottsdale (Coronado), Az.
DL .. Jim Jones, 6-2, 230	Oakland (Skyline), Ca.
DL .. Erin Reeder, 6-3, 230	Woodlin Hills (Taft), Ca.
DL .. Tom Johnson, 6-4, 240	Phoenix (Greenway), Az.
DB .. Ben Dobyns, 5-10, 170	Tucson (Sahuaro), Az.
DB .. LaRahn Cooper, 6-1, 188	Rialto (Eisenhower), Ca.
DB .. Dwan Brandon, 6-3, 180	Arizona Western (JC), Az.
DB .. Reggie Dominique, 6-3, 180 ...	Van Nuys (Notre Dame), Ca.
DB .. Willie Glover, 6-0, 165	Las Vegas (Valley), Nv.
DB .. Darrin Jackson, 6-1, 188	Santa Monica (St. Monica's), Ca.
DB .. Tyler Ford, 6-1, 175	Tucson (Sabino), Az.
DB .. Todd Kennedy, 5-9, 175	Eastern Arizona (JC), Az.
DB .. Shawn Sevey, 6-1, 185	Mesa (JC), Az.

High School. At receiver, Chris Baniszewski comes back for another year, as does Glenn Posey, who didn't play much last year because of injuries. Julian Howard is a freshman wide-out who red-shirted. They are supplemented by Marcus Jones and Gary Burnett, and the coaching staff hopes both will make an impact.

"When we recruit junior college kids, we expect them to step to the top and get some playing time right away," claims offensive coordinator Brad Childress. "We also have Brent Salem and Ben Benedict as potential wide receiver candidates."

But the key will be senior quarterback Wyatt. If his knee is solid, the Lumberjacks could be at the front of the Big Sky race. In 25 of his 30 starts, the All-America candidate has thrown for 200 or more yards. He has nine 300-plus games and at least one touchdown pass in 18 straight games.

"When we recruit junior college kids, we expect them to step to the top and get some playing time right away."

In three years, Wyatt has completed 700 of 1,107 passes (63%) for 8,014 yards and 56 touchdowns. He has thrown only 37 pass interceptions, one thing the pro scouts really like about the 6-3, 190-pound Phoenix product. He has been a three-time academic honors student. But one thing they (scouts) don't like is his knee. Doctors are cautious about his progress.

"Doctors don't like to make promises or guarantees, but they're real happy," said Wyatt in May. "I tested

BEST OF THE 'JACKS

QB .. Greg Wyatt	6-3, 190, Sr.
RB .. Lavon Worley	5-8, 180, So.
WR .. Chris Baniszewski	5-10, 165, Sr.
OC .. Tom Merriam	6-3, 225, Jr.
OT .. Frank Pollack	6-6, 283, Sr.
DE .. Mike Sanfratello	6-4, 250, Jr.
DT .. Todd Trimm	6-3, 235, Sr.
LB .. Darrell Jordan	6-3, 230, Sr.
PK .. Micky Penaflor	5-9, 190, Sr.

my knee on a Cybex machine and it was 80 percent as strong as my left knee."

"Last spring we weren't thinking about Greg," says Childress. "Obviously, we're spoiled with Greg right now. But in the spring we had to think about the six guys who are candidates, and they're going to get all the turns. Hopefully, one will establish himself, come out and be the leader and the productive guy we're looking for."

Three field generals in the lineup include sophomore Brad Scott (6-0, 180), and freshmen Tony Werstler (6-2, 185) and Darrell Bevell (6-2, 175). "We didn't sign a freshman quarterback because of the two red-shirt kids we have," concludes Childress. "Wyatt's misfortune is going to be the young kid's fortune, because they all got a lot of turns in the spring." Not to be overlooked is one of Kentera's biggest weapons, place kicker Micky Penaflor. The 5-9, 175-pound senior is the NAU career-scoring leader with 180 points. As a sophomore, Penaflor was the 1987 national 1-AA leader in kick-scoring and field goals. He kicked six field goals in NAU's 25-12 win over Northern Iowa on ESPN. Further, he was the first non-Zendejas to win back-to-back Big Sky kick-scoring titles in a decade.

The bad news appears on the defensive side of the ball, where NAU lost eight starters. The line should be a strength, with Todd Trimm (6-3, 235) and Mike Sanfratello (6-4, 250) returning. Also battling for starting positions are Kelly Kamaka, Jonathan Jones, Dave Schlagel, Darren Dudgeon and Darren Rhodes.

"I think all seven could potentially become starters for us," claims defensive coordinator Paul Arslanian. "We have Tom Johnson, a transfer from New Mexico State that we're excited about, but we'll wait and see what he can do."

Darrell Jordan (6-3, 230) is the only returning starter at linebacker. He will be moved from outside to inside. Alex Gilmete, Brian Loftus and Eric Marshall will get a good look.

But the biggest concern is the secondary. The 'Jacks lost all four starters. Sean Roundtree (5-11, 185), a product of Westwood High in Mesa,

"Doctors don't like to make promises or guarantees, but they're real happy. I tested my knee on a Cybex machine and it was 80 percent as strong as my left knee."

should start at strong safety. Derek Mason and Jed Shorty should man the corners. Free safety Salvador Nava, a product of Colonia Juarez, Mexico, was hobbled by an injury last year. Shawn Sevey could come in and contribute.

The Lumberjacks' list of recruits and newcomers (see chart) is impressive. It includes talented, all-round athletes like Van Aldridge, and big, strong linemen like Corey Suttles, a transfer from Arizona State. Of the 38 newcomers, 20 played high school football in the Grand Canyon State.

1989

NAU SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Abilene Christ.
Sept. 9	W. New Mexico
Sept. 16	@ Weber State
Sept. 30	@ E. Washington
Oct. 7	Idaho
Oct. 14	@ Boise State
Oct. 21	Montana
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Nov. 4	@ Akron
Nov. 11	Montana State
Nov. 18	Nevada-Reno

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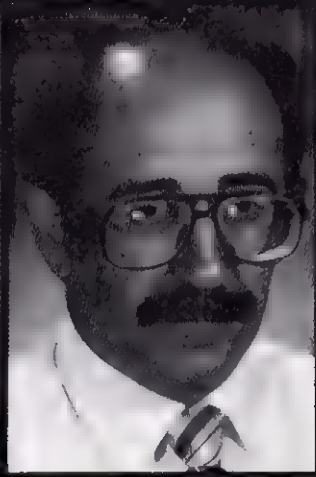
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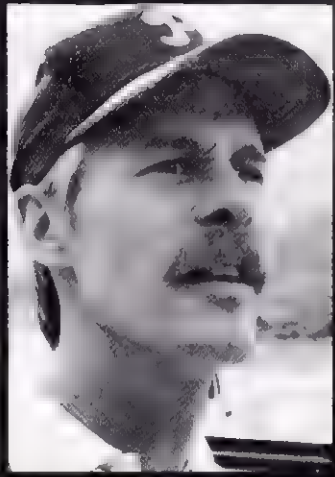
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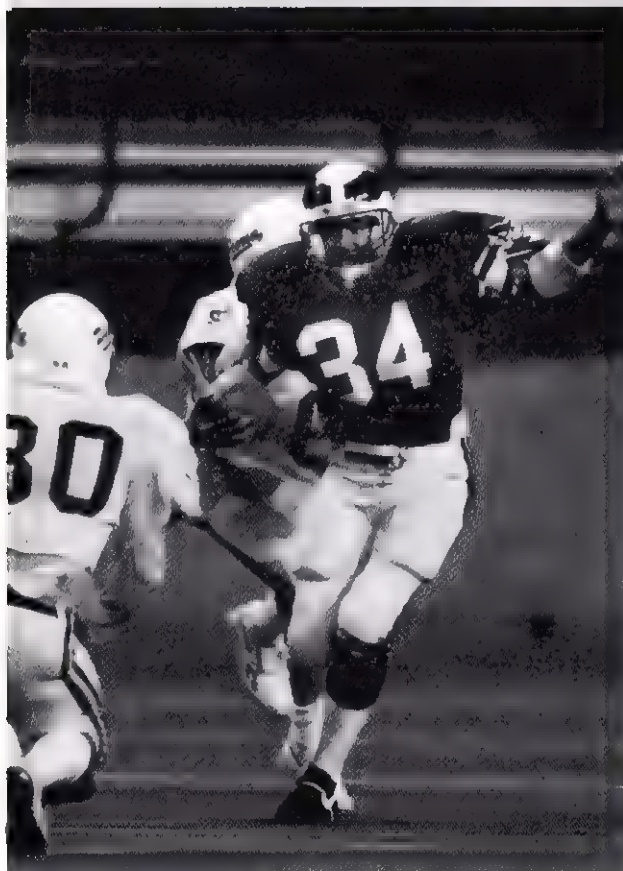
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1989 Northern Arizona FRIDAY NIGHT HEROES

(Arizona Daily Sun)



Flagstaff tailback Leonard Johanson.

This is Flagstaff Football magazine's checklist of outstanding varsity players for the 1989 high school football season ...

QB .. Doug McLaren, Joseph City, 6-1, 165
 RB .. Leonard Johanson, Flagstaff, 5-10, 175
 RB .. Derrick Land, Winslow, 5-9, 165 (jr)
 FB .. Jon Lunsford, Blue Ridge, 6-0, 190
 OL .. Phil Bates, Snowflake, 6-2, 200
 OL .. Sonny Stidham, Blue Ridge, 6-2, 295
 OL .. J.J. Wiltbank, Round Valley, 6-6, 230
 TE .. Ryan Suttles, Prescott, 6-6, 215
 TE .. Lorin Cummings, Page, 6-4, 190
 SE .. Mike Johnson, Parker, 6-3, 190
 LB .. Buddy Cochrane, Coconino, 5-10, 184
 LB .. Jon Levan, Camp Verde, 5-10, 170
 LB .. Steve Parrish, Show Low, 5-10, 185
 LB .. Jason Walthour, Flagstaff, 6-1, 210
 DL .. Che Contreras, Blue Ridge, 6-0, 240
 DL .. Andy Cockrell, Orme Ranch, 5-10, 190
 DB .. Mike Henwood, Prescott, 5-9, 155
 DB .. Dane Crawford, Parker, 6-0, 165
 DB .. Tommy Stamps, Bradshaw Mountain, 5-10, 160
 DB .. Mike Epperson, Flagstaff, 6-0, 170
 DB .. Devon Sawyer, Winslow, 5-11, 170

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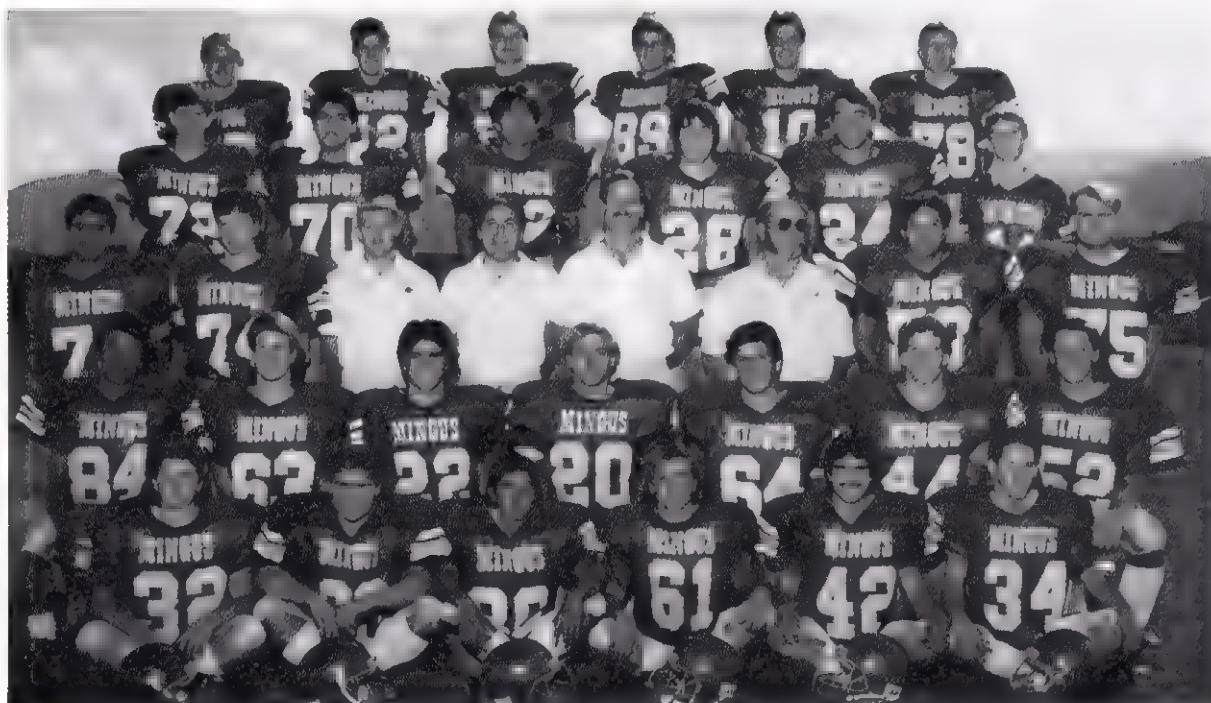
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Jarrett Huma, Hopi, 6-0, 160 (jr)
T.D. Hall, Blue Ridge, 5-10, 165
Travis Hill, Kingman, 6-2, 170
Yancey DeVore, Mayer, 5-9, 145
Billy Seaton, Mohave, 6-1, 175 (jr)
Paul Reynolds, Snowflake, 6-1, 180 (jr)
Joel England, Camp Verde, 5-11, 165 (jr)
Doug McLaren, Joseph City, 6-1, 165
Ryan Noble, Show Low, 6-0, 175



running backs

Brian Kriesel, Coconino, 5-10, 181
Sean Hall, Show Low, 5-8, 155
Larry Prentice, Bradshaw Mountain, 5-9, 150
Jereme Hathcock, Blue Ridge, 5-10, 190 (jr)
Jeff Pearsall, Flagstaff, 5-8, 155
N'Gai Lee, Winslow, 5-7, 140 (jr)
Leonard Johanson, Flagstaff, 5-10, 175
Jon Lunsford, Blue Ridge, 6-0, 190
Derrick Land, Winslow, 5-9, 165 (jr)
Brian Hinsley, Lake Havasu, 6-0, 180



receivers

Bryan Marshall, Hopi, 5-6, 150
Kevin Alexander, Round Valley, 6-2, 180
Jake Sample, Blue Ridge, 6-2, 175
Marcus Stanley, Salome, 6-3, 190
Woody Ward, Orme Ranch, 6-3, 180
John Hopkins, Mohave, 6-2, 190
Shawn Hawkins, Mohave, 5-10, 145
Mike Johnson, Parker, 6-3, 190
Ryan Suttles, Prescott, 6-6, 215
Lorin Cummings, Page, 6-4, 190
Curtis Berger, Wickenburg, 6-5, 205 (jr)



centers

Todd Hansen, Joseph City, 6-1, 245
Ryan Thatcher, Page, 6-1, 180
Danny Lee, Seligman, 6-0, 300 (jr)
Phil Bates, Snowflake, 6-2, 200



kickers

Marcus Stanley, Salome, 6-3, 190
Brian Rau, Flagstaff, 5-11, 160 (jr)



defensive backs

Tommy Stamps, Bradshaw Mountain, 5-10, 160
Mike Epperson, Flagstaff, 6-0, 170
Devon Sawyer, Winslow, 5-11, 170
Greg Book, Kingman, 5-11, 160
Quentin Hayes, Winslow, 5-8, 170
Mike Henwood, Prescott, 5-9, 155
Dane Crawford, Parker, 6-0, 165



linebackers

Brian Merrill, Show Low, 6-1, 180 (jr)
Manny Perez, Winslow, 6-0, 195
Philip Laing, Seligman, 5-10, 175 (jr)
Jeremy Basamania, Sanders, 6-0, 175
Rod Wallace, Ganado, 6-0, 180 (jr)
Jud Holmes, Prescott, 6-0, 190
Buddy Cochrane, Coconino, 5-10, 184
Jon Levan, Camp Verde, 5-10, 170
Steve Parrish, Show Low, 5-10, 185
Jason Walthour, Flagstaff, 6-1, 210
Ben Eberhard, Fredonia, 6-3, 210



linemen

Darwin Slade, Round Valley, 6-0, 180
Dan Jones, Blue Ridge, 6-3, 195
Mike Taylor, Round Valley, 6-1, 200
Bob Vozza, Blue Ridge, 5-11, 210
Eric Bonetti, Mohave, 6-2, 200
Justin Begay, Page, 6-3, 230
James Williams, Winslow, 6-2, 235
Ray Lynch, Winslow, 6-0, 235
Ric Chatwood, Mayer, 5-11, 160
Will Downing, Salome, 6-2, 180
Jim Soder, Ganado, 5-10, 160
Rodney Gutierrez, Winslow, 6-0, 255
Dane Poe, Camp Verde, 6-0, 200
Jon Larson, Seligman, 6-1, 180 (jr)
Sonny Stidham, Blue Ridge, 6-2, 294
Che Contreras, Blue Ridge, 6-0, 240
Andy Cockrell, Orme Ranch, 5-10, 190
J.J. Wiltbank, Round Valley, 6-6, 230
Nathan Bennett, Wickenburg, 6-3, 240

High School Preview

(Winslow Mail)



Winslow's Quentin Hayes (33) runs interference for teammate Derrick Land.

What a factory! No school in northern Arizona cranks out running backs like Flagstaff High. The Eagles, coached by Craig Holland, lost to Peoria in the state quarterfinals to finish 10-3. Half the club returns.

"Since we beat Peoria earlier in the year, it was a tough loss," says Holland, 32-14-0 since 1985. "We'll have a top-flight backfield and some top-flight linemen."

With that combination the Eagles should fly high. That top-flight backfield includes 5-10, 175-pound speedster Leonard Johanson, cousin of Arizona State running back David Winsley, himself a Flag High grad. Last fall Johanson led state AAA rushers with 1,667 yards. He set a school record with 39 carries against Snowflake.

But Holland's star running back isn't the only Eagle with all-state potential. Wide receiver/free safety Mike Epperson (6-0, 170) runs 40 yards in 4.6

FLAGSTAFF



seconds and earned all-state and all-league honors. Linebacker/guard Jason Walthour (6-1, 210) runs 4.7 and also won all-state and all-league medals. Joining Johanson in the backfield is mini-back Jeff Pearsall (5-8, 155), a 4.4 burner who does it all: running back, cornerback, return specialist. The junior speedster earned all-league recognition as a soph.

With kicker Brian Rau (5-11, 160) back for two more years, the Eagles' kicking game is sound. He booted 41 PATS, one shy of the school record set in 1985 by Dawson Gofourth (see record section). Three other juniors who will crack the starting lineup

include QB/DB Tyrone Johnson (6-3, 175), OT/DT David Carder (6-4, 245), and LB/OG Josh Packer (6-1, 210).

Flagstaff will compete in the new Arizona 4A-Conference. It will include many new schools from the Phoenix metropolitan region. Competition will be stiff. To meet the challenge, Holland and his staff need senior leadership. They expect that from Johanson, Epperson and Walthour, along with strong safety John Hostler (5-10, 175), FB/LB Justin McHood (5-11, 200) and DE/TE Craig Milam (6-5, 225), to name a few.

In the last six years alone, Flagstaff High has sent 27 players to the JC and university ranks. During this decade, Eagle fans have watched six league titles and four state championship trophies pile up in the trophy den. Seven teams since 1980 have won nine games or more.

The Eagles' schedule will be a

crowd pleaser. Holland's crew opens on the road Sept. 8 against Peoria, then plays at home against defending Class A champ Snowflake, followed by the state's top-ranked 4A club, Tempe Union.

Like rival Coconino High, Flagstaff plays all home games in Northern Arizona University's 15,300-seat Wal-kup Skydome. Soon, they will share it with a new tenant, the Sinagua High Mustangs.



Blue Ridge is every bit as strong and deep as Flagstaff High is fast and deep. The Yellowjackets, coached by Paul Moro, led the state in both offense and defense before Parker upset them in the Class A semis. The 'Jackets finished 11-1.

Moro's club will be one of the biggest and most physical teams in the state, regardless of class. In tackle Che Contreras (6-0, 240) they have one of the top players in northern Arizona. The first team all-stater benches 345 pounds and cleans 240.

Another all-state lineman, senior Sonny Stidham (6-4, 294), is a major college prospect who benches 310, squats 400 and cleans 240. Fullback Jon Lunsford (6-0, 190) rushed for 1,000 yards and doubles at linebacker. With 4.7 forty speed, Lunsford benches 320 pounds, squats 450 and cleans 260. He earned all-state honorable mention honors as a junior.

Junior Jereme Hathcock (5-10, 190) started last year at safety and will be one of the best in the state, according to his coach. Hathcock played behind all-state halfback Jeff Holly last year. He runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds, benches 345, squats 420 and cleans 300.

Other 'Jackets to watch include the QB with the right name, T.D. Hill (5-10, 165), TE/DE Dan Jones (6-3, 195), and SE Jake Sample (6-2, 175), a strong receiver with good hands and jumping ability. Senior Bob Vozza (5-11, 210) alternated last year with two all-state guards. One of the school's strongest athletes, Vozza benches 320 pounds, cleans 270 and squats 530.

"Potentially, we should be as strong as last year," warns Morro, 34-23-0 in four years at the Lakeside school. His 1987 club finished 11-3 and won the state championship. He picks Snowflake, Round Valley, Show Low and Winslow as other top-flight clubs in the league.



Prescott has been playing football for 80 years. Last year's club, coached by Bill Gahn, may have been the best. The Badgers finished 12-1 and almost reached the Class AAA-2 title game. "We were surprised at our overall record, but disappointed at the finish," says Gahn, 65-41-5 in Badgerland. "We have a good nucleus returning. But we need to find some guards and defensive linemen."

Gahn doesn't need to find a tight end or top-notch defensive back. He has two of the best around in seniors Byran Suttles (6-6, 215) and Mike Henwood (5-9, 155). Henwood earned first team all-state honors as a junior; Suttles honorable mention.

Jud Holmes (6-0, 190) returns at linebacker. The gifted senior was the state AAA-2 discus champion, with a season-best throw of 165-7. Defensive end Brian Shockey (6-3, 205) draws attention away from Suttles. Little Scott Duncan (5-6, 140) is the team's quickest player, while Tom West (5-10, 190) joins Henwood in the secondary. Tackle Brendon Gray (6-0, 195) and linebacker Jayson McNally (6-1, 185) add senior leadership.



Welcome to Speed City. It's in Winslow, Arizona. The fastest football team in the region. Second-year coach Rick Cue returns 22 lettermen from last fall's 7-4-1 unit. The Bulldogs last won seven games in 1984, with Doyle Holt at the helm.

"We feel very good about last season," says Cue. "Our young club

gained a quarterfinal berth and our losses came to some very strong teams. We lost twice to state champ Snowflake, once to Blue Ridge and once to a good Mingus Union team twice our enrollment."

"We feel very optimistic about our chances in 1989," insists the head coach. "We return our top five rushers, along with four returning offensive linemen. All of our kids will be bigger, stronger and faster than they were in 1988."

One of the fastest is junior halfback Derrick Land (5-9, 165), the quickest (4.45) back in the state. Land rushed for 1,107 yards as a soph, averaged 5.9 yards per carry, totaled 1,484 yards and has over 2,000 for his young career. Last spring, he won the 100 meters (10.7) and the 200 meters (21.7) at the Great Southwest Track & Field Classic in Tempe. The 'Dogs 400 meter relay team ran 42.89, and most of them play football.

Quentin Hayes (5-8, 170) and Devon Sawyer (5-11, 170) will join Land in the backfield. The two seniors are quick (4.6) and talented. Hayes was a state wrestling champ and Sawyer earned all-league mention as a defensive back. N'Gai Lee (5-7, 140) subs for Land, Manny Perez (6-0, 195) has excellent speed (4.6) and plays

1989 Northern Arizona Top 20

1. Flagstaff Eagles
2. Blue Ridge Yellowjackets
3. Prescott Badgers
4. Winslow Bulldogs
5. Snowflake Lobos
6. Coconino Panthers
7. Kingman Bulldogs
8. Round Valley Elks
9. Show Low Cougars
10. Mingus Union Marauders
11. Page Sand Devils
12. Parker Broncos
13. Lake Havasu Knights
14. Camp Verde Cowboys
15. Bradshaw Mtn. Bears
16. Ganado Hornets
17. Mohave Thunderbirds
18. Orme Warriors
19. Window Rock Scouts
20. Hopi Bruins

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1988 .. Sam Austrino, Prescott, DL
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 1985 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, RB
 1984 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, RB(jr)
 1983 .. Audie McKee, Coconino, QB
 1982 .. Gary McEwen, Snowflake, QB
 1981 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, RB
 1980 .. Greg Topp, Flagstaff, QB
 1979 .. Greg Turner, Flagstaff, RB
 1978 .. Billy Hatcher, Williams, RB
 1977 .. Billy Hatcher, Williams, RB(jr)
 1976 .. Willard Reeves, Coconino, RB
 1975 .. Danny Beckwith, Page, RB
 1974 .. Ray Smith, Coconino, RB
 1973 .. Dwain Smith, Winslow, RB
 1972 .. Carl Russell, McNary, QB
 1971 .. Mark Hamblin, Round Valley, RB/DB
 1970 .. Dillard Nelson, Williams, RB
 1969 .. Tom Gillmore, Winslow, LB
 1968 .. Roosevelt Van, Winslow, B
 1967 .. Jerry Russell, McNary, HB
 1966 .. Bill White, Kingman, T
 1965 .. Alex Nish, Kingman, C
 1964 .. Mike Madeo, Winslow, FB
 1963 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, HB
 1962 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, DB(jr)
 1961 .. Jack Miller, Flagstaff, DB
 1960 .. Preston Dragons, Flagstaff, E
 1959 .. Lance Penrod, Lakeside, QB



*Flagstaff Coconino's great Ray Smith.
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1958 .. Joe Spear, Snowflake, HB
 1957 .. Lonnie Lund, Round Valley, HB
 1956 .. Bob Rothlisberger, St. Johns, E
 1955 .. Charles "Choo Choo" Jones, Prescott, RB
 1954 .. Charles "Choo Choo" Jones, Prescott, RB (jr)
 1953 .. Paul McCormick, Winslow, RB
 1952 .. J.B. Brown, Flagstaff, E
 1951 .. Don Stuart, Flagstaff, G
 1950 .. Garland Neal, Flagstaff, FB
 1949 .. Buster Madariaga, Round Valley, RB
 1948 .. John Lowry, Seligman, E
 1947 .. Marc Smith, Williams, T
 1946 .. Roy Campbell, Prescott, B
 1945 .. Milan Kalember, Prescott, B
 1944 .. Bob Knight, Prescott, T
 1943 .. Ysmael Torrez, Clarkdale, B
 1942 .. Gene McDougall, Williams, E
 1941 .. Don Corbitt, Prescott, C
 1940 .. Charles Perrill, Kingman, T
 1939 .. Ralph Moran, Jerome, B
 1938 .. Nello Pozzobon, Jerome, G
 1937 .. Roy Carson, Kingman, HB
 1936 .. Bob Svob, Jerome, FB
 1935 .. Eddie Jackel, Flagstaff, QB

"Champions' Choice"

linebacker, Ray Lynch (6-0, 235) doubles at LB/OT and bench presses 300 pounds. All three are juniors.

Big James Williams (6-2, 235) returns to the line as a two-way starter, joining seniors Danny Young, Mark Pollard, Garren Tibbs, Jamey Barth and Nathaniels Lewis. Senior Rodney Gutierrez (6-0, 255) transferred to Nogales as a soph, but moved back. He benches 340 pounds and will be one of the strongest tackles in the north.

Newcomers and juniors to watch include Brandon Scott, Maury Hatch, Justin Nelson, Ricky McDaniel, John Higdon, Bryan Padilla, Daryl Aberle, Richie Bratt, Robby Cunningham and Reggie Wilhoit. Scott and Cunningham will challenge for the starting QB job.

"If we can have a little luck with injuries and keep our kids into the books, this could be the year the Bulldogs have been waiting for," adds Cue. "Our attitude is excellent, the team is hitting the weights, our GPA is up, and we have a group of kids who are used to winning. If everything goes according to plan, we should have an excellent season."

Soon, Winslow will be only the 4th school in Arizona history to win 400 football games. The 'Dogs have won 382 since 1915. Only Mesa (477), Tucson (454) and Safford (402) have won more. One Winslow coach, Emil Nasser, won 224 games between 1947-81.

SNOWFLAKE



Quarterback/linebacker Paul Reynolds (6-1, 180), receiver Doug Paulsen (6-2, 175), running back Greg Brimhall (5-9, 155), tackle Jack Rumbo (6-0, 240), tackle Mack Lamoreaux (6-0, 230), and center Phil Bates (6-2, 200) are big, strong, can run and should lead Snowflake to the state playoffs again. All but Bates are juniors. Last fall the Lobos, coached then by Jack (Ned) Jolly, finished 11-2 and beat Parker 21-0 in the Class A finals.

COCONINO



"If our football team can come up with a slightly above average line, we could be really tough," says one Coconino assistant. "Cochrane and Kriesel are players."

Cochrane is senior FB/LB Buddy (5-10, 184), a first team all-stater as a junior. Kriesel is TB/CB Brian (5-10, 181), an honorable mention all-state

performer in '88. Both seniors run 40 yards in 4.7 seconds.

The Panthers finished 7-3-1 last fall, 12 squad members return, and the junior varsity finished 6-4. It looks like a strong year for prep football in Flagstaff. The conference champs fielded a strong defensive unit with young skill players.

Coach Tony Sutera, 11-9-2 in two years, looks for senior leadership from TE/DE Drew Kimery (6-0, 185), QB Kai Bennett (5-11, 170), TB/LB Chris Peavy (5-8, 160), WR Eric Sheats (6-1, 170), OLB Steve McElwain (6-1, 180) and OG/LB Jason Woodruff (5-7, 155), to name a few. Juniors with potential include D.J. Sweet, Brian Helickson, Robert Alvarado and Anthony Staton.

KINGMAN



If Kingman develops a receiving corps to play with signal caller Travis Hill, the Bulldogs will be a much improved team. Coach Ray Smith's club finished 3-7 last fall. "We were slow and banged up early, but played close to our ability," says the former NAU star. "We'll be quicker and improved overall. We have an outstanding quarterback."

Quarterback Hill, a 6-2, 170-pound field general, runs 40 yards in 4.9 seconds and could pass for 1,000 yards in Kingman's wing-T offense. Top skill players in the Bulldogs' camp include RB/DB Greg Book (5-11, 160), RB/LB Dusty Brown (5-9, 175), RB/DB Robert Mertens (5-8, 165) and RB/DB Jay Lee (5-9, 160). Guard/LB Joel Hickock (5-10, 175), G/DE Gary Imus (5-11, 180) and OT/NG Mike Sampson (5-10, 190) will man the trenches.

ROUND VALLEY



Tot Workman, with 200 wins under his belt, is back in charge at Round Valley. The Elks finished 4-4-1 under the previous staff, with 10 squad members back for the '89 campaign.

Tackle J.J. Wiltbank (6-6, 230) is a major college prospect and honor

Blue Ridge, coached by Paul Moro (center), led the state in both offense and defense before Parker upset them in the Class A semifinals.



BACK IN THE SADDLE

You can't keep a good man down. Some, you just can't keep away. Such is the case with Springerville's Tot Workman, returning coach at Round Valley High.

Workman, the winningest active coach in Arizona with a 200-49-2 mark, stepped down after an 11-1 campaign in 1987. Only two Arizona coaches have won more games than Workman: Edgar "Mutt" Ford of Mesa High fame (226), and Winslow's Emil Nasser (224). Ford is deceased and Nasser is retired.

"I just missed it too much," says Workman, whose Round Valley Elks won a state record 34-straight games between 1978-81. "I was a little surprised at how much I missed the game."

Last fall the Elks were coached by a Texan, Sonny Detmer, whose son Ty started at BYU last fall. But Round Valley dropped to 4-4-1 with their new air game. Workman-

coached teams ground-it-out. "This is a tough league," adds the popular mentor, who coached his first high school game in 1965 at the Stewart Indian School in Nevada. "Coach Detmer and his staff did a great job last year. It will be tough."

No kidding. With an enrollment of 456 students now, Round Valley is one of the smallest in the state. In this order, the Elks play Miami, Globe, Payson, St. Johns, Holbrook, Show Low, Winslow, Blue Ridge and Snowflake.

But one thing stays the same: 64-year-old assistant Darwin Slade has spent over 35 years in the business, even more than Workman. Slade was head coach between 1972-73. His teams finished 8-2, 9-1, 6-4, 7-3, winning 75% of their games.

Workman and Slade. A tough combination to beat if you live in northern Arizona and coach against the Elks.



Round Valley's Tot Workman.

student. The big Elk gallops through 40 yards in 4.9 seconds. Tight end Kevin Alexander (6-2, 180), and guards Darwin Slade (6-0, 180) and Mike Taylor (6-1, 200) all run 40 yards in 4.8 seconds.

Two juniors will battle for the quarterback slot: Jason Davis (6-3, 180) and Randy Landers (6-3, 180). The top running back in camp appears to be junior Dustin Johnson (6-2, 185), a strong, tough runner with 4.7 speed.

Workman is just 26 wins away from the state record of 226 set by the late Edgar "Mutt" Ford of Mesa High and Westwood fame, established between 1934-66.

SHOW LOW



Gary Mauldin's Cougars set a record pace at Show Low. They hope to keep it up. They won eight games for the first time since the school started

varsity play in 1973. They won a playoff game on Nov. 8, 14-8 over Ganado. They beat Round Valley, 22-15, for the first time since 1978.

The Cougars return 15 lettermen from that 8-4 season. "We will have depth at the skill positions," says Mauldin, 48-16-0 in the prep ranks. "We will be small with no player over 200 pounds."

The return of Ryan Noble (6-0, 175) and Sean Hall (5-8, 155) to the backfield will be a big boost to the offense. The loss of QB Tim Sears and receiver Ronny Nikolaus will be hard to replace. The Cougars are counting on junior Willy Nikolaus (5-11, 165) to take over at QB and Greg Coplan or Brian Maxwell to take over at receiver.

Defensively, the Cougars will have an abundance of linebackers. Coach Mauldin's staff will switch to a 4-4 defense to benefit team captain Steve Parrish (5-10, 185) and Brian Merrill (6-1, 180), a junior. Shane Hall, Marc Martinez, Ryan Rawlings and Duane Stepp should fit into the starting picture.

It took Mauldin one year to turn things around. The Cougars were 2-

8 in 1985, 1986, and 1987, his first year in Show Low. He spent four years coaching 8-man ball in Elfrida, at Valley Union High School. The Blue Devils won back-to-back state crowns in 1985-86, and his teams posted a 37-5-0 record (.881).

Show Low's pre-season schedule is tough. Globe will be the opening game at home. Then, on Sept. 8, the Cougars host New Mexico small-school powerhouse Animas (see *King of the Coyotes*), winners of 52-straight games, the longest active winning streak in the nation.

MINGUS UNION



Another rebuilding job has taken place at Mingus Union High in Cottonwood. The last time the Mauraunders had a winning season was in 1976 (7-2), under Steve Wombacher. Between 1982-85, they won only five games. Then Bill Rudolph took over.

In just three years, Mingus has won 23 games, 18 in the last two years. Last fall the 8-3 Mauders lost to state champ Agua Fria 31-21 in the 1st round of the state AAA-2 playoffs.

"We've had two real good years back-to-back," says Rudolph, 23-10-0 at the helm. "But this year we'll be very young. Several sophomores will have to contribute at the skill positions for us to be successful."

Four of the better players in the conference will play for Mingus, and all four are juniors: FB/LB Chris Welly (5-11, 195), OL/LB Justin Whittaker (6-0, 215), OT Shon Quannie (6-2, 220) and LB/DB Paul Ortiz (5-9, 185).

Altogether, 13 underclassmen lined up against Agua Fria last November. Nine were sophomores. The junior varsity won only three games. With those sophomores in the lineup, they might have gone undefeated.

One big loss to the varsity was QB Dan Williamson. However, football fans in Cottonwood can expect another exciting season if these players come to play: RB/DB Russell Stoneberger (5-10, 155), OG/LB

Anthony Carillo (5-8, 180), DB John Roberts (5-8, 150), LB/TE Mike Godwin (6-0, 210), OG Chad Scott (5-7, 165), DT Clarence Soto (5-10, 225), OT/DE Jake Barnes (6-1, 243), DT Miguel Santillan (6-0, 235), and OG Todd Melton (5-11, 220).



To coach and travel with Page High School, Mike Copeland needs to hire a pilot, not a bus driver. The Sand Devils travel a lot. Like all over northern Arizona. From Kanab, Utah, to Overton, Nevada, to Bullhead City on the Colorado River, to Flagstaff and beyond.

With 15 letter winners back, Page should improve last year's 4-7 finish. "I was a new coach with a young team and it took a while to adjust," says Copeland. The Devils finished 1-9 the year before he arrived. "We should be a lot better."

If junior Sullivan Miller (6-0, 160) improves his passing skills, Page will have one of the better pitch-and-catch combos in the league. Tight end Lorin Cummings (6-4, 190) is one of the best around. His jumping ability and speed (4.7) make a good target. Center Ryan Thatcher (6-1, 180) will be flanked by two solid tackles, Justin Begay (6-3, 230) and Matt Forman (6-0, 200). All three are seniors.

Anthony Keisling, listed as a QB on last year's roster, will see action at DE this fall. Lots of it. He'll be joined by seniors Dan Kime, Ty Sell, Dalvin Etsitty, Delbert Burnside, Robbie Boehme, Russ Herron, Kyron Keisling, Chris Cheff and Brandon Ott.

Newcomers to the varsity include Calvin Smith, David Barnett, Greg Matthews, Lee Park, Erwin Whitehorse and Justin Begay, to name a few.



It was a banner year on the Colorado River. For the first time since 1971, Parker reached the Class A finals. Coach Robin Hondrum's club lost to

Snowflake in the title game, 21-0. They finished 9-4-0.

"We had great improvement through the season," says Hondrum, 35-32-0 in the prep ranks. "We had some fine individual performances. We worked well as a team. On paper it looks like a typical rebuilding year. But with some hard work and some breaks, we could be decent."

What the Broncos really need is a quarterback. Record breaking receiver (see record section) Mike Johnson (6-3, 190) is back. In 1988, Johnson caught 46 passes for 751 yards. Running back Dane Crawford (6-0, 165) earned second team all-state honors as a defensive back. Tackle Alan Yee (6-0, 210) is the Broncos' best lineman. Joe Guthery (5-10, 165) is a top-notch linebacker, small but quick.

These four seniors will have to carry the mail for the Broncos. With the new state classification, Parker will compete in the AAA-West League. Returning to the state title game will be tough. The last time it happened was in 1970-71, when John Mundell's

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LAKE HAVASU



The biggest position to fill at Lake Havasu will be head coach, where Damon Becker left after an excellent 7-4 campaign. The Knights may go with a junior quarterback. Top candidate appears to be John Becchio (5-9, 150). Another top junior appears to be kicker Mike Seliquini (5-10, 155), a good outfielder on the baseball team.

Split end Jeff Brimhall (6-2, 170) was the spark plug on the basketball team. He has good speed and good moves. Defensive back Eric Casteel (6-2, 165) returns to the secondary. Brian Hinsley (6-0, 180) is a good, solid running back. Aaron Bracamonte doubles at TE/DE. Benji Rodriguez joins Casteel in the secondary.

CAMP VERDE



After three successful seasons, Brad Reed has left Camp Verde for a coaching position in Kansas. Assistant Doug Lee takes over. The Cowboys should continue to ride.

"We are looking forward to a good season," insists Lee, a 9-year assistant. "Our league has been realigned and is composed of some of the toughest teams in our division."

At this time, Joel England (5-11, 165) is the front-runner for the QB spot. England passed for 1,200 yards as a sophomore and has improved his strength and speed. Defensively, the Cowboys are expecting leadership and big plays from all-state linebacker Jon Levan (5-10, 170). He'll double at tailback.

Eighteen lettermen return from last year's 7-3 club, including WB/DB Todd Owen (5-10, 170), guards David Gordon (5-10, 205) and Dane Poe (6-0, 200), TB/DB Tracy Mitchell (5-10,

175), RB/DB Travis Palmer (5-10, 165) and FB/LB Brett Holly (5-9, 180).

"We had 100 athletes sign up for football in June," claims Lee. "That's a lot for a little town. Our new league includes schools like Orme, Cactus Shadows and Wickenburg, all of whom could win the title."

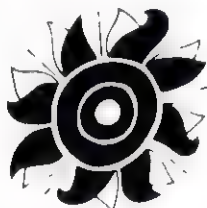
BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN



The Bears, coached by Steve Moran, reached the Class A semifinals, after winning the A-West title. Moran's club finished 9-3, giving him a 35-17-1 log on the hill.

But the Bears lost 14 seniors, eight on offense and seven on defense, so experience will be a factor. "We lost our entire offensive line through graduation," says Moran. "This year it will be quick, not very big, but aggressive."

Chris Hewitt (6-0, 270), Scott Van Dyke (5-11, 170), Jason Minor (5-11,



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170) and Mike O'Hagen (6-2, 185) were part-time starters, while Darwin Anderson (6-2, 195), a transfer from Minnesota, will add size. Daniel Higgins (5-9, 180), up from the JV team, adds quickness and size.

The Bears' backfield will be more explosive and quicker. Quarterback Tommy Stamps (5-10, 160) throws a football 60 yards. He's also the team's safety on defense and intercepted nine passes last fall, four in one game against Buckeye. Running backs Larry Prentice (5-9, 150), Chuck Wilson (5-7, 170), Mike Franz (6-0, 185) and Beau Yarbrough (6-4, 185) are quick. Prentice runs 40 yards in 4.5 seconds.

Big Ty Howe (6-5, 195) and speedy Tom Martin (5-10, 160) join Stamps to give Bradshaw Mountain a good receiving corps. "Howe has size while Martin has speed and determination," adds Moran. "But a lack of depth could hurt us in the long run. However, we have athletes who are very aggressive and willing to work hard in order to replace starters from a year ago."



Hard work, dedication and a top-notch coaching staff has help make Ganado one of the winningest football programs in northern Arizona. In 1988, the Hornets recorded a perfect 9-0 regular season, then captured its 10th win in a row with a 39-7 victory over Chinle in the Navajo Football League championship game. Then Ganado lost a tough 14-8 decision to Show Low in the A.I.A. playoffs.

"Ganado football teams have had eight straight winning seasons," says Mike Morgan, 51-21-2 with the Hornets. "We look for more of the same in 1989."

Everybody in the program goes both ways: RB/DE Jim Soder (5-10, 160), RB/LB Dean Curley (5-6, 150), RB/LB Rod Wallace (6-0, 180), RB/LB Darren Pete (5-8, 155), OT/DT Joshua Curley (6-1, 205), OG/DT Bryant Cosen (5-9, 205), OG/DT Vernon Tracey (6-0, 175), OT/NG Darrell Begay (6-0, 235), and RB/DB Gary Hubbell (6-1, 195) should all start.

Ganado has been in the playoffs five of the last seven years. Several out-

standing players who have played college football include Butch Peterson, Mike Navajo, Anthony Jones, Wayne Youvella and Ronald Thompson, and all helped the Hornets build a reputation in the north.

In 1989, a key early season game will be against Hopi's sensational aerial circus, on the road in Polacca, on Sept. 15. Three of four games with New Mexico schools are at home.



Two California and one Nevada school dot Mohave's schedule before the Thunderbirds, 1-8-1 a year ago, start tough 4A-North play. Second-year coach Ben Fermon returns 13 lettermen, and the JV team finished 6-2, so things are looking up. "It was a rebuilding year," says Fermon, after the Bullhead City school went 7-5-1 in 1987 under Tom Hurt, who moved to Yuma. "We should be competitive this time around."

Although only a junior, QB Billy Seaton (6-1, 175) could be one of the better signal callers in the league. He runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. Tight end John Hopkins (6-2, 190), OT/DE Eric Bonetti (6-2, 200), and TE/DE Shawn Hawkins (5-10, 145) are three of Seaton's teammates who could earn all-league honors.

Fermon and his staff expect big plays and bigger nights from center Tate Christy (6-0, 180), guard Barry Weeg (6-0, 210), RB/DB Steve Soper (5-10, 145), WR Chris Guadiso (5-10, 160), tackle John Keeter (6-2, 190), tackle Dale Renno (6-2, 190) and FB Butch Sissner (6-3, 190), a top-notch junior linebacker as well. Renno, Keeter and Guadiso are also juniors.

The T'Birds open their season Sept. 8 at home against Needles, Ca., then travel to Boulder City, Nev., before hosting another California school, Barstow. Their first league game in the new 4A Conference is at No. 1 ranked Flagstaff.

THE ORME SCHOOL



The Orme School struggled through a 5-6 campaign but still made the playoffs. "We were over-achievers last fall, and made the playoffs when not expected," explains Bib Miller, 113-70-7 in the profession. "We're going to be thin this year. It's not too promising."

He's probably right. However, the small school near Mayer returns three of the better players in the region in all-state tackle Andy Cockrell (5-10, 190), tight end Woody Ward (6-3, 180) and fullback Joe Berson (5-10, 183). All three are seniors with lots of varsity experience.

Since 1980, Bob Miller-coached teams have finished 6-3, 8-1, 8-1, 9-0, 7-2, 6-2-1, 7-2, 7-3 and 5-6, making the Warriors one of the winningest

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TOUCHDOWNS/SEASON:

- 35 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 32 .. Dillard Nelson, Williams, 1970
- 29 .. Danny Beckwith, Page, 1975
- 29 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 28 .. Ron Carillo, Round Valley, 1966(jr)
- 27 .. Guy Grover, Prescott, 1987
- 26 .. Tom Fruth, Payson, 1981
- 26 .. Chris Matthews, Round Valley, 1981
- 26 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1987
- 25 .. Billy Hatcher, Williams, 1978
- 25 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)

TOUCHDOWNS/CAREER:

- 62 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1983-85
- 59 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1979-81
- 52 .. Tom Fruth, Payson, 1978-81
- 51 .. Mark Hamblin, Round Valley, 1969-71
- 47 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1961-63
- 44 .. Jeff Holly, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1986-88
- 42 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986-87 (2)
- 40 .. Jeff Holly, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1986-88

TOUCHDOWNS/GAME:

- 8 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986
- 6 .. Dillard Nelson, Williams, 1970
- 6 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986(jr)
- 5 .. Roy Campbell, Prescott, 1945
- 5 .. Charley Jones, Prescott, 1955
- 5 .. Perry Penrod, McNary, 1956
- 5 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 5 .. Jack Johnson, Round Valley, 1969
- 5 .. Pat Rubio, St. Johns, 1970
- 5 .. Sid Udall, Round Valley, 1973
- 5 .. Danny Beckworth, Page, 1975
- 5 .. Danny Beckworth, Page, 1975
- 5 .. Brian Aldridge, Snowflake, 1976
- 5 .. David Trueblood, Flagstaff Coconino, 1981
- 5 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 5 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 5 .. George Krekelberg, Camp Verde, 1987 (jr)

POINTS/SEASON:

- 229 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 214 .. Dillard Nelson, Williams, 1970
- 180 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 180 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1987
- 162 .. Billy Hatcher, Williams, 1978
- 162 .. Chris Matthews, Round Valley, 1981
- 162 .. Guy Grover, Prescott, 1987
- 156 .. Tom Fruth, Payson, 1981
- 155 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 150 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)

POINTS/CAREER:

- 377 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1979-81
- 372 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1983-85
- 316 .. Mark Hamblin, Round Valley, 1969-71
- 315 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1960-63
- 312 .. Tom Fruth, Round Valley, 1978-81
- 285 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986-87 (2)
- 249 .. Jeff Holly, Blue Ridge, 1986-88
- 220 .. Ray Smith, Flagstaff Coconino, 1973-74

POINTS/GAME:

- 48 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986
- 38 .. Dillard Nelson, Williams, 1970
- 38 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986
- 34 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 34 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981

RUSHING YARDS/SEASON:

- 2,187 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)
- 2,123 .. Tom Fruth, Payson, 1981
- 2,114 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 2,111 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 1,876 .. Chris Matthews, Round Valley, 1981
- 1,826 .. Harold Smith, Ganado, 1987 (jr)
- 1,667 .. Leonard Johanson, Flagstaff, 1988 (jr)
- 1,646 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1980(jr)
- 1,622 .. Tim Carns, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1974
- 1,611 .. Danny Beckwith, Page, 1975
- 1,605 .. Ray Smith, Flagstaff Coconino, 1974

RUSHING YARDS/CAREER:

- 4,880 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1983-85

- 4,461 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1979-81

- 4,265 .. Tom Fruth, Payson, 1978-81
- 3,794 .. John Udall, Round Valley, 1982-84
- 3,736 .. Chris Matthews, Round Valley, 1979-81
- 3,268 .. Jeff Holley, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1986-88
- 2,739 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1960-63

RUSHING YARDS/GAME:

- 469 .. Stanley Jackson, Chinle, 1976
- 329 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 303 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)
- 297 .. Danny Beckwith, Page, 1975
- 294 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 275 .. Jeff Holly, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1987 (jr)
- 267 .. Dennis Baker, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1983
- 263 .. Alonzo Orona, Round Valley, 1980
- 256 .. Casper Rice, Flagstaff Coconino, 1974
- 247 .. Ray Smith, Flagstaff Coconino, 1974 (AA title game)
- 245 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY:

- 14.1 .. Jewell Russell, Flagstaff Coconino, 1978 (jr)
- 13.4 .. Sid Udall, Round Valley, 1973
- 13.4 .. Mike Gonzalez, Flagstaff, 1983
- 12.3 .. Scott Hamblin, Round Valley, 1980
- 11.0 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 11.0 .. Danny Beckwith, Page, 1975

AVERAGE YARDS PER GAME:

- 192.2 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 182.3 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1984(jr)
- 171.4 .. Chris Mathews, Round Valley, 1981
- 167.4 .. John Udall, Round Valley, 1984
- 162.3 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 150.0 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1980(jr)
- 145.9 .. Ray Smith, Flagstaff Coconino, 1974



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Flagstaff's David Winsley races down the sidelines as teammates cheer him on.

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN:

- 99 .. Bob Bledsoe, Flagstaff, 1963
- 99 .. Steve Moncibaez, Mingus Union, 1985 (so)
- 98 .. Kelly LeSuer, Round Valley, 1976
- 97 .. Dennis Baker, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1983
- 96 .. David Winsley, Flagstaff, 1985
- 96 .. Wally Lien, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1985
- 95 .. Charley Jones, Prescott, 1955
- 94 .. Stan Gill, Flagstaff, 1981
- 91 .. Willie Brewer, Snowflake, 1974
- 90 .. John Land, Winslow, 1976

PASSING YARDS/SEASON:

- 2,923 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 2,719 .. Gary McEwen, Snowflake, 1982
- 2,098 .. Audie McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1983
- 1,837 .. David Nelson, Parker, 1988
- 1,822 .. Dave Davison, Flagstaff Coconino, 1984
- 1,660 .. Vinnie Zanzucchi, Flagstaff, 1983
- 1,643 .. Audie McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1982 (jr)
- 1,633 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986 (jr)

TOTAL OFFENSE/SEASON:

- 3,049 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)

PASSING YARDS/CAREER:

- 3,741 .. Audie McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1982-83 (2)
- 3,500 .. David Nelson, Parker, 1986-88
- 3,326 .. Dave Davison, Round Valley, 1984-85
- 3,276 .. Eddie Hamblin, Flagstaff Coconino, 1979-81

PASSING YARDS/GAME:

- 449 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 440 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 393 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 393 .. David Nelson, Parker, 1988
- 380 .. Paschal Kinsel, Chinle, 1977
- 365 .. Mike Orewyler, Bullhead City Mohave, 1977
- 362 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 354 .. Audie McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1983
- 354 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 318 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)

TOUCHDOWN PASSES/SEASON:

- 26 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 24 .. Gary McEwen, Snowflake, 1982
- 23 .. Audie McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1983
- 23 .. Bret Hood, Camp Verde, 1987
- 22 .. Mike McMahn, Prescott, 1987
- 21 .. Greg Woodard, Page, 1968
- 19 .. Vinnie Zanzucchi, Flagstaff, 1983
- 19 .. David Nelson, Parker, 1988
- 18 .. Greg Topp, Flagstaff, 1980
- 18 .. Randy McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1980

TOUCHDOWN PASSES/CAREER:

- 40 .. Audie McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1982-83 (3)
- 35 .. David Nelson, Parker, 1986-88
- 33 .. Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1979-81
- 32 .. Max Hamblin, Page, 1974-76

TOUCHDOWN PASSES/GAME:

- 7 .. Jarrett Huma, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 6 .. Audie McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1983
- 5 .. Bert Gough, Flagstaff, 1984
- 5 .. Mike McMahn, Prescott, 1987

- 5 .. Bret Hood, Camp Verde, 1987
- 4 .. Eddie Jackle, Flagstaff, 1934 (jr)
- 4 .. Randy McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1980
- 4 .. Audie McKee, Flagstaff Coconino, 1983
- 4 .. Rick Gwynne, Flagstaff, 1988
- 4 .. Kevin Trainor, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1988

TOUCHDOWN PASSES/HALF:

- 4 .. Bret Hood, Camp Verde, 1987

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS:

- 99 .. Keola Bandman, Page, 1986
- 97 .. Eddie Hamblin to Dusty Eager, Round Valley, 1981
- 96 .. Rick Gwynne, Flagstaff, 1988
- 88 .. Marty McKee to Willard Reaves, Flagstaff Coconino, 1976
- 88 .. Jarrett Huma to Clifford Nodman, Polacca Hopi, 1988

CATCHES/SEASON:

- 89 .. Randy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1982 (jr)
- 83 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988
- 77 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 66 .. D.L. Nikolaus, Snowflake, 1962
- 60 .. Tony Tate, Snowflake, 1982
- 49 .. Gary Gonzales, Flagstaff, 1983
- 46 .. Mike Johnson, Parker, 1988 (jr)

CATCHES/CAREER:

- 89 .. Randy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1982 (jr)

CATCHES/GAME:

- 19 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 18 .. Randy Nikolaus, Show Low, 1982 (jr)
- 18 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988
- 18 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 17 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988



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- 17 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988
- 12 .. Dusty Eagar, Round Valley, 1980 (jr)
- 12 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)

RECEIVING YARDS/SEASON:

- 1,220 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988
- 1,088 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 983 .. Dusty Eagar, Round Valley, 1981
- 978 .. Vince Pulsifer, Round Valley, 1978
- 823 .. Mark Cibik, Flagstaff Coconino, 1982
- 751 .. Mike Johnson, Parker, 1988 (jr)

RECEIVING YARDS/CAREER:

- 1,936 .. Dusty Eagar, Round Valley, 1979-81 (3)
- 1,220 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988
- 1,044 .. Willie Martinez, Parker, 1987-88
- 1,088 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988-active!

RECEIVING YARDS/GAME:

- 321 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988
- 318 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 313 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988
- 299 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988
- 289 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)

- 234 .. Darrin Parker, Prescott, 1983 (jr)
- 230 .. Phillip Miller, Flagstaff Coconino, 1983
- 221 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)

TOUCHDOWN CATCHES/SEASON:

- 14 .. Mark Cibik, Flagstaff Coconino, 1982
- 13 .. Mike Funk, Polacca Hopi, 1988
- 11 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988 (so)
- 10 .. Bill Black, Flagstaff Coconino, 1982

TOUCHDOWN CATCHES/GAME:

- 5 .. George Krekelberg, Camp Verde, 1987 (jr)
(4 in 1st half)
- 4 .. Bryan Marshall, Polacca Hopi, 1988

TOUCHDOWN CATCHES/CAREER:

- 23 .. Dusty Eagar, Round Valley, 1979-81

INTERCEPTIONS/SEASON:

- 11 .. Chris Patterson, St. Johns, 1977 (jr)
- 11 .. Drayton Martin, Round Valley, 1987
- 11 .. T. L. Hall, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1988
- 11 .. Willie Martinez, Parker, 1988
- 10 .. Stuart Moring, Round Valley, 1980
- 10 .. George Pryer, Flagstaff, 1982
- 10 .. Eric Lane, Flagstaff Coconino, 1983

INTERCEPTIONS/CAREER:

- 24 .. Troy Gilliland, Parker, 1982-85 (4)

INTERCEPTIONS/GAME:

- 4 .. Kevin Stars, Window Rock, 1974
- 4 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986
- 4 .. Tommy Stamps, Bradshaw Mtn., 1988 (jr)
- 3 .. Nate Bly, Winslow, 1961
- 3 .. James Dugan, Flagstaff, 1963
- 3 .. John Frawley, Bullhead Mohave, 1973
- 3 .. John Land, Winslow, 1976
- 3 .. Tim Pettit, Williams, 1977
- 3 .. Stuart Moring, Round Valley, 1980
- 3 .. Darren Turley, St. Johns, 1982
- 3 .. Lesi Broyles, Flagstaff Coconino, 1984

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN:

- 104 .. Bill Kerr, Kingman, 1952
- 103 .. Greg Turner, Flagstaff, 1978
- 102 .. Edgar Brown, Williams, 1968

FIELD GOALS/SEASON:

- 11 .. Tony Butts, Lake Havasu City, 1976
- 11 .. Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1981
- 11 .. Dean Roney, Winslow, 1983(jr)
- 10 .. Bob McGeary, Lake Havasu, 1974
- 10 .. Dean Roney, Winslow, 1984

FIELD GOALS/CAREER:

- 21 .. Dean Roney, Winslow, 1983-84
- 20 .. Herik Mandel, Flagstaff Coconino, 1980
- 19 .. Bob McGeary, Lake Havasu City, 1972-74
- 19 .. Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1979-81

FIELD GOALS/GAME:

- 4 .. Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1980(jr)
- 4 .. Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1981
- 3 .. Art Kerrick, Flagstaff Coconino, 1978
- 3 .. Rick Savedra, Round Valley, 1970
- 3 .. Bob McGeary, Lake Havasu City, 1974
- 3 .. James Crutchfield, Snowflake, 1975
- 3 .. Richard Lowell, St. Johns, 1977
- 3 .. Chris Ellis, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1987
- 3 .. Andrew Stuck, Tuba City, 1988

LONGEST FIELD GOALS:

- 52 .. Dean Roney, Winslow, 1984
- 51 .. Hank Lopez, Flagstaff, 1975
- 50 .. Brian Abraham, Kingman, 1979

PATS/SEASON:

- 50 .. Alex Shores, Page, 1974 (jr)
- 44 .. Kenny Walker, Round Valley, 1980

CONSECUTIVE PATS:

- 45 .. Dawson Gofourth, Flagstaff, 1984-85

PATS/CAREER:

- 91 .. Eddie Hamblin, Round Valley, 1979-81
- 88 .. Herik Mandel, Flagstaff Coconino, 1980-82

PATS/GAME:

- 9 .. Cowen Hamblin, Round Valley, 1973
- 7 .. Herik Mandel, Flagstaff Coconino, 1981 (jr)
- 7 .. Allen Meacham, Flagstaff Coconino, 1984

LONGEST PUNT:

- 90 .. J.T. Ellsworth, Snowflake, 1985 (jr)
- 75 .. Mike Hicks, Flagstaff, 1976
- 73 .. David Dawson, Flagstaff Coconino, 1985

PUNTING AVERAGE/SEASON:

- 52.0 .. J.T. Ellsworth, Snowflake, 1985 (jr)
- 49.3 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1987
- 46.8 .. Gary Williams, Lakeside Blue Ridge, 1974
- 46.4 .. Trent Thompson, Chinle, 1986 (jr)
- 43.1 .. John Clark, Snowflake, 1972

LONGEST FUMBLE RECOVERY/TD:

- 99 .. Ryan Noble, Show Low, 1988
- 85 .. Rick Brenfleck, Flagstaff Coconino, 1968 (AA title game)

LONGEST PUNT RETURN/TD:

- 98 .. Derald Cox, Flagstaff, 1968
- 97 .. Charles Jones, Prescott, 1955
- 97 .. Don Track, Parker, 1968

Class A Preview



Mayer halfback Yancy DeVore scores against Salome.

8-Man Preview: Wildcats' No. 1!



Mayer, for years a power in 8-man football, could be the team to beat in the Class A-North. Twenty lettermen return from last year's 8-2 club which lost to Patagonia in the state semifinals.

"Any time we make the playoffs, we've had a good season," says Vince Cahill, 128-85-7 as a head coach in Ohio and Arizona. "We have more experienced players than last year. But we'll miss all-stater Clint Cross. Quarterback and linebacker will be the keys."

The Wildcats had a narrow 18-16 lead over Patagonia in the fourth quarter, but succumbed to the state champs, 38-24.

Cahill returns two of the best players in the A-North in honorable mention all-staters Yancy DeVore and Ric Chatwood. DeVore is the Cats' top running back who doubles at safety. Chatwood is a two-way guard. Both run 40 yards in 4.8 seconds. Three other seniors with all-league potential include LB/TE Doran Braddy (5-10, 160), FB/LB John Goswick (5-10, 175) and OG/DE Jim Sherwood (6-0, 185).

Robert Courtney (5-11, 155) started at QB against Joseph City when all-stater Cross came down with the chicken pox. He turned in an excellent performance and could be a key figure in the Cats' attack in '89.

Mayer's schedule will be interesting, with former 11-man schools like Williams and Bagdad dropping down a level, plus a Sept. 22 game in Heber against new Mogollon High. Considering Mayer's enrollment has dropped from 170 studnets to 130 since 1986, Cahill has done an excellent job keeping the Wildcats on top.



It's been a long, long time since Bagdad played in this league. In fact, the Sultans, coached by former Arizona State standout John Zucco, finished 8-0-0 in 6-man ball in 1952. In those days, Bagdad was nicknamed the Thieves, not the Sultans. Times have changed.

Coach Carl Ridenour returns more varsity players (21) than any school in the league. "After several successful seasons it will be a rebuilding year," says Ridenour. "But we are going down to 8-man football. We have high hopes of being the best ever."

Three players who will be key figures in Bagdad's pro offense are QB Juan Juaregui (5-8, 160), FB Will Casner (5-8, 165) and guard Edward

8-Man/State Champs:

1988 .. Patagonia (12-0-0)	Bill House
1987 .. Patagonia (11-0-0)	Bill House/Bill Ardito
1986 .. Elfrida Valley Union (9-2-0)	Gary Mauldin
1985 .. Elfrida Valley Union (11-0-0)	Gary Mauldin
1984 .. Pima (9-1-0)	Tom Davis
1983 .. Scottsdale Christian (11-0-0)	Jim Dean
1982 .. Tucson Suffolk Hills (10-0-0)	Steve Sorce
1981 .. Maricopa (9-0-0)	Mark August
1980 .. Salome (11-0-0)	Richard Imhoff
1979 .. St. David (9-1-0)	Jim Crawford
1978 .. Joseph City (11-0-0)	Charlie Esquibel
1977 .. St. David (9-1-0)	Jim Crawford
1976 .. Tucson ASDB (7-2-0)	John Milford
1975 .. Mayer (9-0-0)	Dan Reid
1974 .. Pima (9-0-0)	Dave Colborn
1973 .. Pima (8-0-0)	Roger Smith
1972 .. St. David (9-0-0)	Jim Crawford
1971 .. Fredonia (8-0-0)	"Mont" Griffiths
1970 .. Pima (10-0-0)	Ed Hubbard
1969 .. Pima (8-0-0)	Ed Hubbard
1968 .. Fredonia (7-0-0)	"Mont" Griffiths
1967 .. Fredonia (7-0-0)	"Mont" Griffiths
1966 .. McNary (8-0-0)	Pete Duca
1965 .. McNary (8-0-0)	Pete Duca
1964 .. McNary (7-0-0)	Pete Duca
1963 .. Camp Verde (7-1-0)	Jesse Batina
1962 .. Camp Verde (7-1-0)	Jesse Batina
1961 .. Pima (8-1-0)	Ed Hubbard
1960 .. St. David (8-0-0)	Jim Crawford
1959 .. Lakeside (8-0-0)	Bob Schneider
1958 .. Ash Fork (7-0-0)	Jesse Batina
St. David (6-0-0)	Jerry Brown
1957 .. Grand Canyon (7-0-0)	Jim Richards
Patagonia (6-0-0)	Reginald LeFevre
1956 .. Orme's Ranch (7-0-0)	Charles Orme
1955 .. Benson (10-0-0)	Jack Wilson
1954 .. Benson (9-0-0)	Jack Wilson
1953 .. St. David (9-0-0)	Lot Christensen
1952 .. Pima (9-0-0)	Gale Mortensen
Bagdad (8-0-0)	John Zucco
1951 .. Wickenburg (10-1-0)	Dudley Hancher
1950 .. Wickenburg (10-0-0)	Dudley Hancher
1949 .. Wickenburg (7-1-0)	Dudley Hancher
1948 .. Litchfield Park (9-0-0)	Milt Berg
1947 .. Scottsdale (8-1-0)	Jiggs Hardt
1946 .. Benson (7-0-0)	Elton Harper
1945 .. Willcox (7-1-0)	Hugh Summers
1944 .. Tombstone (6-0-0)	Henry Wismer
1943 .. Tombstone (6-0-0)	Henry Wismer
Wickenburg (6-0)	Dudley Hancher
1942 .. Amphitheater (4-1-0)	Ray Bradshaw
1941 .. Wickenburg (5-1-0)	O.L. Corbin
1940 .. Wickenburg (6-0-0)	Henry Fuller
1939 .. Wickenburg (6-0-0)	O.L. Corbin
1938 .. Phoenix Union (5-1-1)	Jesse McComb

Martinez (5-7, 225), a junior. Juaregui and Casner run 40 yards in 4.8 seconds.



Coach Ed "Bud" Scully is trying to get Salome back in the playoff picture. He's on the right track. Last season the Frogs started out 4-1, but lost four straight games in the fourth quarter. Sixteen varsity players were juniors.

"Our best performance came against league champ Scottsdale Christian," claims Scully. "We were ahead 12-10 with six minutes to go. Even though we had a losing record (4-5) we felt we accomplished a lot as a team and gained valuable experience."

Salome will start six seniors and two are the best in the league: WR/DB Marcus Stanley (6-3, 190) and WR/LB Will Downing (6-2, 180). Stanley is one of the best receivers in the 8-man ranks. Downing has led the team in tackles for two years. Little QB Freddy Venegas (5-5, 140) is hard to see behind the Frogs' line, but halfback

Tyler Weisser (6-1, 180) isn't. Weisser played QB last year but his size and speed make him a valuable running back. The forward wall includes center Dusty Alder (6-0, 250), and guards Jose Cleto (5-9, 250) and Jayson Campbell (6-0, 180).

Top newcomers to watch include running backs Brian Bitzel (5-11, 165) and Andy Blehi (6-1, 170), and giant sophomore tackle James Carey (6-3, 230). "He has the size to make an impact right now," adds Scully. "If he has the desire."



Seligman will have the youngest team in the A-North, starting an all-junior lineup at times. Coach Robert La Chat's crew finished 5-3 last fall, the first winning season in 12 years. "We have an outstanding junior class," claims LaChat. "Our strength will be our line."

That's good news for the Antelopes' young running backs, like all-conference fullback Philip Laing (5-10, 175), a "super hitter" at line-backer, according to his coach.

Two of the biggest and best guards in the A-North are juniors Danny Lee (6-0, 300) and Jon Larson (6-1, 180). Donny Brown, Merlin Benson and Leroy Talyumptewa add depth to the forward wall.



Salome defenders surround a Mayer running back.

Young DeShane Quasula (5-10, 160) will be the Antelope's new signal caller, while Gus Kennedy and Gino Matus will be the Antelopes' best prospects at halfback and wide receiver. Both are good, young athletes.

However, Seligman opens on the road against Mogollon High in Heber, Sept. 1. The Antelopes' first home game is Sept. 7 against tough Scottsdale Christian. Games with former 11-man schools Williams and Bagdad give Seligman fans a top-notch home schedule to view.



Although Class A schools in Arizona play 8-man ball now, Joseph City still has one of the premiere quarterbacks in senior Doug McLaren. Coach Dave McLaren's son (6-1, 165) could give any 11-man school a helping arm.

In two years, the all-state signal caller has completed 66% of his passes

(254/385) for 3,250 yards, 34 touchdowns and 27 interceptions. His 12.8 yards per completion gives the Wildcats a first down every time he completes a pass. But it might not be that easy this year.

"We only have two quality players returning," says the head coach. "We will be very inexperienced. We can't afford to get anybody hurt, like last year."

The Cats do return one of the better players in the A-North in C/LB Todd Hansen, a 6-1, 245-pound senior who was hurt most of the year. He's a good competitor who likes to hit. With a healthy Hansen and McLaren's gifted arm, Joseph City should improve their 4-6 record. They were 7-3 in 1987.



At Fredonia, new head coach Ted Peterson replaces a legend. After 24 campaigns, 108 wins and three state championships, C.A. "Mont" Griffiths

has stepped down. All three of his state championship clubs were undefeated: 1967 (7-0-0), 1968 (7-0-0) and 1971 (8-0-0).

Griffiths' 1971 club beat Pima 57-28 in the state finals to snap a state-record 27 game winning streak by the Roughriders. (That mark was tied by Patagonia last fall.) Griffiths' club dropped to 1-6-0 in 1988, giving him a 108-69-3 finish. Five of his teams finished runnerup at state.

Peterson, Griffiths' assistant and the Lynx' head wrestling coach, will have a good nucleus to work with, starting with LB/TE Ben Eberhard, a 6-3, 210-pound senior. Fredonia will have one of the smallest (5-10, 150) centers in the A-North, but senior Travis Hatch is quick and tough. Jack Cluff (6-2, 180) is a big, strong tackle, and halfback Jared Ray (5-11, 160) joins Eberhard at the linebacker slot. Senior Rodney Evans (5-10, 160) was a RB/WR last fall, but this season may line up at quarterback.



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Physically, they don't have the size yet to attract many college football scouts. But statistically, Hopi's aerial circus at Polacca has attracted everybody, including editors of the *National Federation Record Book*.

Last fall, with sophomore QB Jarrett Huma (6-0, 160) calling the signals, the Bruins finished 6-4 in their second varsity season. Coach Pat Lopez watched his prize field general complete 350 of 495 attempts (70%) for 2,923 yards and 26 touchdowns. All state records for a sophomore.

Big days: 449 yards and seven touchdowns against Valley Sanders; four TD passes caught by Bryan Marshall; 440 yards against Bagdad; 393 against Monument Valley, Utah; 362 against Queen Creek. Senior Mike Funk picked up his diploma after grabbing 83 passes for 1,220 yards and 13 scores. He caught 18 passes for 321 yards vs Bagdad, 17 for 313 vs Monument Valley and 17 for 299 against Queen Creek.

But the other half of Hopi's aerial act is back. Bryan Marshall (5-6, 150) is just a junior. Last fall he caught 77 passes for 1,088 yards and 11 touchdowns. Big games included 19 catches for 318 yards and four scores against Sanders, 12 for 289 against Zuni, N.M.,

and 18 for 221 against The Orme School.

The challenge for Lopez or any coach in Polacca will be developing offensive linemen to protect Huma for the rest of his career. The gifted junior needs two more years of protection to become one of the most productive passers in Arizona high school history.



Bill Johnson's Pirates went from 0-8 to 6-3 at Valley High in Sanders, and 21 letter winners are back for another season. Depth will be a strong point, but a lack of size and speed will be a problem.

Linebacker Jeremy Basamania (6-0, 175) is one of the quickest (4.8) and meanest Pirates on the ship. He and junior Lamar James are Johnson's fullbacks. Junior Darren James and sophomore Randy James are starting linemen.

Little Darrell Footracer (5-8, 140) will be Valley's quarterback. His two targets will be seniors Victor Nelson (5-10, 160) and Joday Quigly (6-3, 180).

The Pirates have really improved since a winless campaign in 1986, where they scored just 24 points in nine games and gave up 391. The credit goes to Johnson. "It's promising, but we have a long way to go," says the head coach.



Wickenburg batted .500 last fall (5-5) and returns more than half the squad. In senior Nathan Bennett (6-3, 240), the Wranglers have one of the best tackles in the league. This years quarterback could be Alex Macias, the top scorer on the basketball team. Senior Sean Miller will double at WR/DB. Senior running back Chris Cox returns and junior TE Curtis Berger (6-5, 205) is one of the best athletes on campus.



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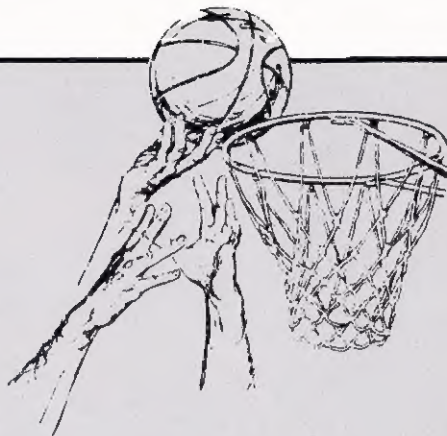
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